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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takayuki TOSHIMA et al.

Application No.: 09/971,136

Group Art Unit: 1746

Filed: October 3, 2001

Examiner: Frankie L. Stinson

For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD AND
SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004, for which a response is due on June 14, 2004 (the first business day following June 12, 2004), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

SPECIFICATION

- There are no amendments to the specification.
 Marked up replacement(s) paragraphs are presented in a separate section.

CLAIMS

- There are no amendments to the claims.
 A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2004**

Effective 10/01/2003, Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 86.00)**Complete if Known**

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1402	330	2402	165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
1403	290	2403	145 Request for oral hearing
1451	1,510	1451	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
1452	110	2452	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
1453	1,330	2453	665 Petition to revive - unintentional
1501	1,330	2501	665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
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1503	640	2503	320 Plant issue fee
1460	130	1460	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
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1806	180	1806	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
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1809	770	2809	385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))
1810	770	2810	385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))
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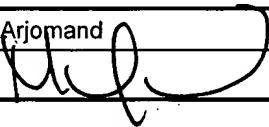
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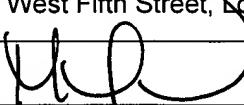
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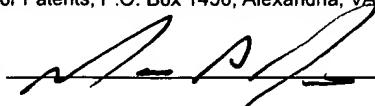
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